Suddenly, without warning... without apparent reason... the sea itself begins to churn and whirl about... small eddies grow ever larger... and, within seconds, the first family of Atlantis finds itself surrounded by a wild, swirling madness...

What's happening, Aquaman?

Great waves!

I don't know, Mera! Follow me! It seems... calm up ahead... if we can just...

But as they push forward...

Aquaman... something's wrong! I feel weak... groggy! Can hardly move!

I... I... have the same feeling... almost as though I'd been drugged!

Whatever it is... we've got to fight it! We must get back to calm water...

Keep a firm grip on Aquababy, Minnow! Try to shield him from the force of the water!
They push on... the water swirls faster and faster, picking up sand from the ocean floor...

...vision is obscured... the dizziness grows... and finally...

Everything so blurry... can't... lost sight of Mera and Aquad... Where... are they??

So weak... can't keep going... gotta close my eyes for a second... just for a second...

But as his eyes begin to shut...

NO! STOP!

HELP! AQUAMAN!!

WHA--? M... MERA!!

Mera! Where are you? Heard her voice? She... needs help! But... can't see her... everything blurry! I...
WAIT! UP AHEAD! IT'S...

YES... IT'S MERA! SOMEONE... OR SOMETHING'S GOT HER... DRAGGING HER AWAY!

LOOK! HE'S SEEN US!

IT MAKES LITTLE DIFFERENCE! HE CAN'T STOP US NOW! NO ONE CAN!

AND SO IT BEGINS... ONE OF THE STRANGEST OF UNDERWATER ADVENTURES... AN ADVENTURE THAT WILL LEAD AQUAMAN FAR FROM ATLANTIS... TO THE LAND WHERE HE WILL MEET... THE...

"SORCERERS OF THE SEA"

...AND THEIR QUEEN!
WITH SUDDEN SWIFTNESS, ONE OF MERA'S CAPTORS SPRINGS BACK TOWARD AQUAMAN... AND BEFORE THE GROGGY SEA KING CAN GET A GOOD LOOK AT HIS ATTACKER...

THERE! THAT TAKES CARE OF "THE GREAT AQUAMAN!"

COME! WE'VE GOT WHO WE CAME FOR! LET US GO HOME WITH OUR PRIZE!

MEANWHILE, BACK IN ATLANTIS...

THIS MOST URGENT MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED SO THAT WE MAY DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF OUR RACE! NOW THAT MOST OF US HAVE BECOME AIR BREATHERS,* WE NO LONGER HAVE TO LIVE HERE, BELOW THE SEA, HOWEVER....

HMM... THE COUNCIL MEETING HAS BEGUN... AND AQUAMAN STILL HASN'T RETURNED! I'D BETTER GO LOOK FOR HIM....

* SEE AQUAMAN NO. 35.

AS AQUAGIRL SWIMS OUT, AWAY FROM THE GREAT DOMED CITY...

SOMETHING'S WRONG! IT'S NOT LIKE AQUAMAN AND THE OTHERS TO MISS AN IMPORTANT MEETING LIKE THIS! HOPE NOTHING'S HAPPENED TO THEM!

HEY! A COUPLE OF FIGURES... OFF IN THE DISTANCE! IT... IT'S...

AQUALAD! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? WHAT'S HAPPENED TO AQUAMAN?

TULA! ARE YOU A SIGHT FOR WEARY EYES! C'MON DOWN! I NEED SOME HELP!

WE WERE CAUGHT IN SOME SORT OF... A WHIRLPOOL! I GOT DIZZY... MUST HAVE PASSED OUT! WHEN I CAME TO, THE OCEAN WAS CALM AGAIN... AND AQUABABY WAS SITTING NEXT TO ME, CRYING!

I FOUND AQUAMAN LIKE THIS! COULDN'T FIND MERA ANYWH... HEY! HE'S COMING AROUND!

Oooo...
AQUALAD! WHERE'S MERAN AND THE OTHERS? WHERE ARE THEY? WE'VE GOT TO STOP THEM!

HUH? WHAT OTHERS? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

MERA! SHE'S... SHE'S BEEN TAKEN CAPTIVE!

WHAT?..

COOO... FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN OUT COLD FOR QUITE AWHILE. I GUESS THERE'S NOT MUCH CHANCE OF OUR CATCHING UP TO THEM NOW!

WHO... WHO WERE THEY?

...SOMEBODY MUST HAVE PRODUCED THE SWIRLING OF THE WATER... TO SERVE AS CAMOUFLAGE... WHILE THEY WERE TAKING MERA!

BUT WHY WAS SHE TAKEN? AND WHO'S BEHIND IT ALL? THOSE ARE THE TWO BIG QUESTIONS I MUST FIND THE ANSWERS TO IF I EVER HOPE TO FIND MERA!

THEN, AS THE ATLANTEANS HEAD TOWARD THEIR UNDERSEA CITY, AQUAMAN EXPLAINS FURTHER...

AND ONCE THEY REACH ATLANTIS...

AQUAMAN, I THINK I FOUND A WAY TO REMOVE THE SUBSTANCE BLACK MANTA INFUSED INTO OUR DOME!* THAT WAY WE...

DON'T BOther ME NOW, Vulko! I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS ON MY MIND!

I CAN STILL SEE THAT RING, WITH THE STRANGE FIVE-SIDED STONE, THAT THE ONE WHO SLUGGED ME WORE!

MOST LIKELY, THIS WAS JUST PHASE ONE OF A MUCH LARGER SCHEME. SO PERHAPS I SHOULD STAY HERE... WAIT FOR HER CAPTORS TO MAKE THEIR NEXT MOVE!

NO! I CAN'T JUST STAND AROUND! I'VE GOT TO GO LOOK FOR HER... GOT TO FIND MERA!

* AGAIN, SEE AQUAMAN NO. 35.
Thus, leaving Aquababy in the care of Tula, Aquaman and Aqualad soon ride out from Atlantis, to begin their search for Queen Mera...

Take good care of the little fella! We'll be back before you know it! His mother, too!

Wish I felt as confident as that sounded!

Chances of finding her are slim, but anything's better than just sitting around, waiting for something to break! We have to keep looking... till we find a clue!

That's because I don't know where!

Aquaman, you still haven't told me where we're going to begin the search!

Mera could be in any one of a million places! Her captors could be inhabitants of any of a thousand underwater colonies! Or they could just as well be air-breathers!

More than a day passes... the two searchers push on relentlessly... until...

Look, Aquaman! What is it??

Looks like a walled-in medieval village... but it keeps shimmering and wavering... as though it weren't really there... as though it were a mirage...

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Well, it's real all right! But there's still something very weird about this place!

But like I said, we're going to search everywhere... listen, I'm going to have a look around inside! You'd better stay here and...

Oh no! I didn't come all this way just to wait at the door...

Wow! Dig those crazy threads... Shh...

Well, we're in! But from the looks of that guard, I doubt that these folk's appreciate foreigners!

Maybe we ought to do something about fitting in!

My sentiments exactly! And there are our two pigeons now.

Within seconds...

Not quite my size, but I guess it'll do!

Hurry up! Let's get this over with as quickly as we can...

You check out that side of town! I'll look over here... then we'll meet back at the...

Wait! Aquaman, look! Th-that procession!
AQUAMAN turns, and the sight of a familiar face rocks his senses... but the amazement doesn't stop there...

WHOA—IT... IT'S MERA!! SHE'S HERE!

BUT... SHE'S LEADING THE PROCESSION!

AND THOSE PEOPLE—THEY'RE BOWING DOWN TO HER! AS THOUGH SHE WERE THEIR QUEEN!

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INcredible! All these people, kneeling down before Mera! It's as though she had always been their queen.

Stay here, Aqualad! I'm going to move in closer... See if I can get to the bottom of this!

But before Aquaman can reach his beloved Mera...

Kneel, fool! Show proper respect for your... eh? An outsider!

Um-oh... better scoot.

Look! The outsider seeks to attack our queen! Slay him... at once!

Got to grab Mera and get the heck outta here!

Oops! The whole town's up in arms against me! Now I'm really in for it!
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Enraged, Aquaman rips into the assailants clustered about his fallen ally...

Scum! You had him at your mercy. You had no reason to use a sword on him!

Klunk

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But his rage causes him to abandon all caution and...

Sometime later, consciousness slowly returns to the King of the Sea. The confining walls of a dungeon come slowly into focus... then...

Aqualad, are you all right?

Yeah, I'm okay! Lost a bit of blood! That's all!

I was worried about you! You were out for quite some time!

Then you've been awake all the while? Did you learn anything about these people? Have you found out anything about Mera?

No... not about Mera, anyway!

But while they were bringing us here I did listen in on a couple of conversations!

Seems that the leaders around here... like that guy who was giving the orders out there... are called "the Sorcerers." They seem to have some sort of mystical hold over their subjects!

But what about Mera? How does she fit into all this? Why was she brought here?

Hey... listen! Sounds like some sort of motor revving up! Wonder what's going on...

Hmm... that could explain the trance-like way these people act!
MOTOR?... Uh-oh! There's your answer! Up there! They're pumping the water out of this room!

Sufferin' sea snakes!

This must be their way of finishing off unwanted guests! Lock them up... take away their water... give them a nice long lingering death!

We've got to get out of here within an hour or we're done for.

We've got less time than that, I'm afraid...

Aqualad may not be complaining, but he looks quite pale! I doubt that he'd last more than half an hour without water...

This doesn't give us much time...

I have to work fast...

Hmm... they left our robes...

That gives me an idea...

Straining mightily, Aquaman concentrates! Telepathic emanations radiate from his brain, summoning forth...
...A GIANT BULL WHALE!

Who explodes through the outer wall of the village, and smashes the small building that houses the dungeon...

And under the cover of the ensuing confusion...
THAT DID IT! WE'RE FREE!

AQUALAD WAS WORSE OFF THAN I THOUGHT! HE'S PASSED OUT!

DON'T SEE MERA ANYWHERE! NO TIME TO LOOK FOR HER NOW! GOT TO GET AQUALAD BACK TO ATLANTIS FAST! HE NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION. I'LL BE BACK, MERA... I'LL COME BACK FOR YOU!
Aquaman, what about Mera? You've got... to go back... and...

I'll be going back! Don't worry about that! Just try to get some rest...

And so the long, arduous journey begins, with Aquaman prodding his mount to move with utmost speed. He stops only to tend to his companion's wounds... occasionally, the boy comes to, but for only a few moments each time...

Finally...

Atlantis! We made it!

And not a moment too soon! That wound really looks bad! Sure hope he doesn't...

No! Mustn't think about it! Got to get inside...

Well?...

Whew! I should be glad it's no worse than this! But still, those creeps are going to pay!

Shortly...

Don't worry! He's going to be all right! But it'll be some time before he'll be able to use that arm again...
Then...

MUST GET BACK THERE... TO MERA!
NO USE STOPPING OFF TO SEE AQUAGIRL AND THE LITTLE FELLA! THERE'LL BE TIME ENOUGH FOR REUNIONS, ONCE I'VE RETURNED MERA TO MY SIDE!

This time, he rides alone... And as he nears the strange village once again...

Whew, am I beat! Been going for three days straight!

Gotta get some sleep... Have to rest... Or I'll never be able to fight my way in there!

Sleep comes quickly... And Aquaman is unaware of the strangely ominous shadow that soon falls over him...

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Wha-? What is it?

Looks too big to be real! Got to get away!

All thoughts of rest flee Aquaman's mind...to be replaced by his instinct for survival! Then...

It's wavering...just like that village did when we first saw it!

The Sorcerers! They must be responsible for this!

They figured I'd be back, and sent this thing out to stop me! Well, it's not going to work!

It's coming for me! Now if I can just get enough momentum behind me...
Then, swimming forward with tremendous speed, as only the Sea King can...

Aquaman’s fist blurs as it arcs through the water, but...

Huh? It... it vanished!!

Sorcery! Of course! That’s it! They never intended for me or anyone else to fight that thing, it was supposed to frighten me away.

Gotta give him everything I’ve got. If I don’t K.O. him on the first punch, I might not get a second try.

Soon, outside the strange, shimmering city...

This will be the third time I’ve used this wearing-the-robe bit! It worked the other two times, so why not this time, too!

Well, that was easy... now all I have to do is find the royal palace... and the Queen’s quarters...

Hamm... maybe that building... looks like it could be a palace...

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NOW HEAR THIS: NOW MOTORIFIC TAKES TO THE WATER WITH BOATERIFIC. THERE ARE 8 GREAT BOATERIFIC BOATS AND EACH ONE HAS A FULLY STEERABLE RUDDER, REAL PROPELLER POWER, AN AUTOMATIC BAILING PUMP AND SUPER-REALISTIC DETAILS. JUST SNAP IN A MOTOR... BATTEN DOWN THE HATCH AND FULL SPEED AHEAD WITH BOATERIFIC!

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BOATERIFIC...

IT'S TERRIFIC... IT'S

IDEAL
LONG CORRIDOR AFTER LONG CORRIDOR, LEADING TO SILENT EMPTY ROOMS...

AND SURE ENOUGH, AS AQUAMAN APPROACHES...

HALT! YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS HERE! NO MERE SUBJECT IS ALLOWED TO APPROACH THE QUEEN'S CHAMBERS!

NO! WAIT! THERE'S SOMEONE STATIONED OUTSIDE THAT ROOM! COULD BE THE QUEEN'S GUARD!

NOW I HAVE ALL THE FACTS I NEED!

EH? AN OUTSIDER... STOP!

WELL, WELL, THANKS FOR THE BRIEFING...

THE ROBED ONE CALMLY RAISES HIS HANDS, AND A STRANGE ENERGY BEAM CRACKLES THROUGH THE BRINE AND SLAMS THE SEA KING BACK AGAINST THE WALL...
HE'S... HITTING ME WITH SOME SORT OF FORCE BEAM... GOT TO FIGHT IT!

IT'S USELESS TO RESIST, UNEFFECTED DOLT! NO ONE CAN OVERCOME THE POWERS OF THE SEA SORCERERS!

THANKS FOR THE CONCERN! BUT I'D RATHER LEARN BY EXPERIENCE, IF YOU DON'T MIND...

I... I'M MAKING... SOME HEADWAY!

AND WITH EACH STEP... THE GOING SEEMS TO... GET EASIER!

ONE THING'S IN MY FAVOR! HE CAN'T TRY ANYTHING ELSE! HE'S GOT HIS HANDS FULL... POURING ON THE ENERGY!

HE KNOWS IF HE LETS UP FOR JUST A SECOND, I'LL BE ALL OVER HIM...

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Almost got him! Only a few more paces...

No! This isn't possible! You...

It's possible, fella! Believe me...

And in the next instant...

There! Now nothing stands in my way!

Not bad for an "unenlightened dolt!"

Sacred queen recoils, as she recognizes the outsider who once tried to "attack" her...

You're back! Wh-what do you want? Get away from me!

Mera! What have they done to you?

It's Aquaman! Don't you recognize me? Have they put you in a trance, too!

I s-said get away!

Here! Look at me! Look at my face! I... wha--?

Y-your eyes! They're... they're not the same color...

Y-you're not Mera! You... you can't be!!
YOU'RE JUST A... A LOOK-ALIKE! YOU COULD PASS AS MERA'S TWIN!

I... I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I WENT THROUGH ALL THIS BECAUSE OF A DOUBLE FOR MERA!

NOW WHAT?? LOOKS LIKE I'M RIGHT BACK WHERE I STARTED!

NO ONE ELSE TOOK HER, AND I'VE BEEN WASTING MY TIME CHASING A DOUBLE!

GOT TO GET OUT AND START SEARCHING FOR HER AGAIN!

NOTHING FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT! IT'S MY PROBLEM NOW! I Fought MY WAY IN HERE, AND IF I HAVE TO, I'LL FIGHT MY WAY BACK OUT, I STILL HAVE TO FIND MERA!

WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT??

YES, IT... IT ALL MAKES SENSE! THAT'S WHY THE PEOPLE ACTED AS THOUGH YOU HAD ALWAYS BEEN THEIR QUEEN! YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THEIR QUEEN!

AND THAT'S WHY YOUR PEOPLE WEREN'T STRONG, LIKE THOSE WHO TOOK MERA...

THE SORCERERS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH MERA'S ABDUCTION! THIS WAS ALL A COINCIDENCE... A MONSTROUS COINCIDENCE!

BUT LUCK IS WITH THE KING OF THE SEA...

GOOD! HE'S STILL UNCONSCIOUS! SO MAYBE I CAN AT LEAST MAKE IT OUT OF HERE WITHOUT GETTING INTO A FIGHT!
A strange village, that still shimmers as though it weren't real... and stranger yet, the coincidence. But now what? Where will he look next? Perhaps news of Mera awaits him back in Atlantis... perhaps not!

No... this isn't the end! In the next issue, Aquaman continues his frenzied search for his beloved Mera and encounters a strange civilization nestled in a foreboding, unexplored, undersea valley, known only as "The Depths"! Don't miss this exciting tale we call, "The Trail of the Ring!"

We double dare you to buy the next exciting and unusual issue of House of Mystery!
Dear Editor:

Aquanmail No. 37 was the absolute greatest! The Ocean Master was merely fabulous, and the Scavenger is mildly terrific. I don't know who drew it, but the art was fab! The lettering was a little blurred, and the dialogue concerning Aquadad was corny. You showed real human characteristics in the animals. Does Steve Ditko work for you? He is a darn good artist. I used to be a devout Brand reader, but they brag too much. You guys don't downgrade any other peoples, races, or creeds, like they do. They make it look like Americans are the greatest people on Earth. We here in Canada feel that Brand is a bunch of bloated, gaseous lambsbrains. However, they have several good points.

1. Foreign Superheroes
2. Straight dialogue
3. I like the Golden Age Brand I comics best. Here is my list of favorite superheroes:
   1. Aquaman
   2. Flash
   3. Green Lantern
   4. Hawkman
   5. Brand!
4. A few questions... Is Aquadad Aquaman's son? Are all letters read or only a few chosen ones?

Roger Still
Napanee, Ont., Canada

P.S. Love is O.K., but don't overdo it.

Roger, m'lad, you certainly do write a real ramblin' letter. Let's see if I can fill you in!

1. Nick Cardy, a real pro, drew Aquaman No. 37. Last issue (No. 39) will be Nick's last for a while... Joe Orlando robbed him for a new assignment while my back was turned. Oh, woe!
2. Steve Ditko will indeed be working for us! He'll be doing at least two features... The Creeper and The Hawk and the Dove. Look for them!
3. I haven't the faintest idea who you're referring to by "Brand I" but if I did, I'd have to disagree with most of what you say about them. My mother always told me, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything!"
4. I don't think it's ever been explained exactly where Aquadad came from. Perhaps we'll devote a future issue to an origin.
5. All letters are read by yours truly... each and every day.

C'mon, Roger, how can you overdo love?

Dear Editor:

By the flame-red hair of the beautiful Mera, thou has committed a grievous error! I'm referring to page 9 and page 16 of AQUAMAN #37. As a faithful reader of your mags, I have grown accustomed to seeing your stories in parts, but this is ridiculous! Two part 3? On the two aforementioned pages, the heading of each part is 3! And don't give the flimsy excuse that page 16 was a continuation of page 9 either, because it didn't say continued! Explain that, if you can!

But in all other respects it was a great mag. And, as to Aquagirl, please bring her back! She's great!

Miss Michelle Peck
Monson, Mass.

Would you believe... since Part 3 of our stories are almost invariably the most exciting, we decided to give you, our loyal readers, TWO Part 3's, thereby DOUBLING your pleasure? (Would you believe... it was a lettering goof that somehow slipped by everyone?)

Aquagirl is happy that you like her and promises she'll be around from time to time.

Dear Editor:

AQUAMAN #38 was fab with perfect artwork, a great story and excellent dialogue. Who were the credits? They deserve the Alley Awards! One thing though I have not been able to get issue #37. Is there any way I can? The suspense is killing me!

I like your letters page because the letters are short, but before I end, please tell me if AQUAMAN has ever been in some other mag than his own. I began collecting comics with AQUAMAN #25 and noticed that it is published bimonthly. Still, I seem to recall buying issues of the SEA KING about eight years ago. Is this possible?

There's only one thing wrong with your comics—they're published bimonthly instead of daily, but I'll settle for monthly. How about it? Thanks again for a gear mag!

ROXANNE CINTRON
JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY

By the number:

1. AQUAMAN #38 was written by Bob Haney and drawn by Nick Cardy. Send all Alley Awards to...
2. We cannot fill back orders. Sorry. Perhaps you can trade 2 of our competitors comics for AQUAMAN #37 with one of your less deserving friends.
3. Go to the head of the memory class! Aquaman was created by Mort Weisinger back in the early 40's and has appeared, at different times, in MORE FUN COMICS, WORLD'S FINEST, ADVENTURE COMICS and DETECTIVE COMICS.
4. FREQUENCY of publication CAN be changed when (hint) reader reaction demands it!

Dear Editor:

I just bought AQUAMAN #38... it was fab! Liquid- dator was gooey! However I was upset not to see AQUAGIRL. I think AQUALAD & AQUAGIRL should get a big romance going!

She's the coolest chick ever! I fell in love with her the minute I saw her! She should try out for THE TEEN TITANS. Please make AQUAGIRL a regular!

KEN FORD
L.A., CALIF.

Ah, young love in bloom!
One thing though... If you have such a thing for AQUAGIRL, how come you're trying to promote a romance between her and AQUALAD?

Oh, well... I was young and foolish once, too.

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NATIONAL PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC.
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Well, here it is time for another look at what the future holds in the DC line. But first, we want to extend a big thank-you to every reader who has sent an idea to CAP'S HOBBY HINTS. The suggestions pour in by the carload...too many to acknowledge each one personally. If your idea wasn't used, chances are someone beat you to it, and it had already been printed earlier. But that doesn't mean you can't try again. It's you readers who supply the material that has made this feature such a smashing success.

The August HOUSE OF MYSTERY sports another cover masterpiece by that dean of the DC drawing-board, NEAL ADAMS! It illustrates a story called "HOUSE OF GARGOYLES!" And what are the GARGOYLES? An ugly addition to a sleepy midwestern town—which wakes the town up! In fact, the creepy creatures are hated by everyone—except the kids! Where did the grotesque newcomers come from? And why are they there? The kids find out, and so will you—in No. 175, on sale May 9!

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